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# Wartburg Trumpet

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## Vandalism strikes again

by Suzanne Behnke and Rob Bryson

When Kathleen Komiskey, '97, walked by the Clinton Hall bike rack yesterday morning, she noticed something was wrong.

The rim of the front wheel of her ten-speed bike folded over the bike rack among the dozens sitting there.

"I don't get it," she said. "Apparently someone was bored and wanted to destroy something."

A Clinton Hall resident said she saw two men looking through the bikes around 2 a.m. Sunday.

"I didn't know they were doing anything that bad," said the resident. "I wish I would've paid more attention."

Two other bikes were also damaged near Komiskey's although the bike locked to hers was untouched.

"There's just no pattern to it," she said.

Other incidents like Komiskey's have cropped up lately on the Wartburg campus.

Yesterday, Waverly police

responded to a burglary report in Ottersberg House in Waverly Manor.

According to Sgt. Bob Gaston of the Waverly Police Department, police were dispatched at 2:58 p.m. to answer the call.

Gaston said he could not comment on specifics of the report but said that nothing was stolen although there was damage. The report is under investigation.

Wartburg Security offered no information on the Ottersberg report.

Not even the Chapel is safe from the threat of vandalism on campus.

According to the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, "All the stuff around the altar area is now locked up."

Communion wine and candles were taken from the Chapel recently, said Bouzard.

Along with these and the B lot vandalism, there are minor occurrences of stolen posterboards and normal reports.



**'I DON'T GET IT'**—Kathleen Komiskey, '97, stands next to her vandalized bike yesterday outside Clinton Hall. Several incidences plagued the campus over the weekend.

Photo by Rob Bryson

## Alleviate job search stress

by Suzanne Behnke

Throughout the year, many seniors have filled computer labs typing cover letters to send with resumes and have spent money on postage and paper.

But for seniors who have yet to begin the job hunt, the effort is not futile.

Time remains an obstacle when searching for a job, according to Career Development Center Director Will Smith.

"A job search is a full-time

job," he said.

He said the national average for a job search is six months, but is growing to seven.

According to the CDC's 1994 Graduate Status Report based on the Graduate Questionnaire, 41 percent who returned the questionnaire began the job search five months before graduation.

Only 16 percent said they were not satisfied with their position and had not found a job related to their field.

"If they haven't started in December, then they're probably not going to get employment right after graduation," Smith said.

Smith said the term "job placement" causes confusion because graduates who find work aren't necessarily working in their field.

"People in my position don't like to talk about placement," he said.

Placement includes graduates who are continuing their education, work 20 hours a week or more or have self-decided not to look for employment.

While the CDC can help, Smith said most students only come in once or twice. The center carries information on interviewing basics and making the transition from college to career.

Some departments help students with post-graduation plans.

"I've got to tip my hat off to biology," said Smith. They place more than 90 percent of their students.

Smith offered advice to

those starting the job search and for underclassmen.

"Employers get impressed with self-initiative," he said. He said extracurricular activities are as important as good grades.

"Some students do one or two activities, the more the merrier," he said. "Then they have something to talk about (at an interview)."

He said internships are great hands-on experience and give students a sense of confidence and competence. Fifty-one percent of graduates in the Graduate Status Report had completed internships.

Networking was also the most widely used resource for 1994 graduates, making up 13 percent of available resources including classified ads and faculty and personal inquiries.

For those who are still looking, Smith offered some consolation.

"The job market is improving. More companies are coming to campus to interview," said Smith.

### Foreign report

## Generosity survives after war

Brenda Haines, '95, sees the effects of war in Guatemala and El Salvador

by Brenda Haines

Picture this. We are nearing the end of a five-hour bus ride along the hot, dusty, bumpy Pan-American highway. We're hot, hungry and have to use the bathroom. We're going from Guatemala to El Salvador. As we pull into the capital city, passing cars and trucks point and beep at us.

The problem: We've got a flat tire.

In the 45 minutes it takes to fix the tire, we decide to find a bathroom. We walk by a group of Salvadorans. One of them speculates that we are Europeans.

"Somos gringos. We are gringos," our group leader says. He takes the opportunity to ask where a nearby bathroom is located. After thinking for a while, the man invites us to his house. We refuse at first, but he insists.

***"It's probably the food they will eat for each of their meals. Yet, they share with us."***

The place is a dive. The exterior is dirty. A broken-down car is parked out front. It turns out his family runs a gym. We stand among well-worn bench presses and primitive stairstepers waiting to use the bathroom, which has only newspaper to use as toilet paper. While we wait, his mentally-handicapped brother draws attention to a picture of his sister, sitting with a gringo.

"She lives in the United States," her father tells us, "in Wisconsin."

The mother goes off to look for her address and returns with two rolls and a small piece of chicken for our group. She leaves again to find more pictures of her daughter. Again, she returns with food. This time, it's rice, beans, and tortillas. It's probably the food they will eat for each of their meals. Yet, they share with us.

It's been a recurring experience. Despite the abject poverty here, people have shared their food, their time and themselves.

Generosity continued on page two

### 1994 Job Search Facts

*Based on the Career Development Centers  
1994 Graduate Status Report*

▼ 52 percent of 1994 graduates acquired full- or part-time positions in business, industry or social science.

▼ 24 percent gained employment as educators.

▼ 20 percent chose to continue their education.

▼ One percent remain unemployed.

# Grossmann tour gives glimpse of new dorm

by Brad Wood

Students last week were offered their first opportunity to look at the new Grossmann Hall, which will open Fall Term 1995.

Instead of taking an organized tour, students were allowed to wander the building's first floor, while Pete Armstrong, associate dean and director of residential life, and Dr. Lex Smith, vice president for student life and dean of students, walked around and answered questions.

The tour gave all students an opportunity to check out the progress of the new Grossmann Hall, and gave students who will live there next year a chance to plan out their suites.

In a suite on the first floor, Eric Risius, '98; Dave Neumann, '98; Curtis Wulf, '98; Chris Judson, '98; Josh Nelson, '98; and Shaun O'Dell, '98, discussed where they would put furniture in the suite and what items they would have room for in the lounge area.

Students who looked at the dorm said rooms and lounges were smaller than they had expected. They said each floor has plenty of recreation room, with two lounges and a study lounge. The basement has a large recreation lounge and a television lounge as well.

Men will live in suites on the north end of the new dorm and women will live in the south end.



**HOME SUITE HOME**—Eric Risius, '98, Dave Neumann, '98, Curtis Wulf, '98, Chris Judson, '98, Josh Nelson, '98, Shaun O'Dell, '98, discuss their suite they will live in next year in new Grossmann Hall. They toured the building on Wednesday.

Photo by Rob Bryson

One suite, located in the middle on the second and third floors, will be a flexible suite, according to Armstrong. He said that it could be either a male or female suite, depending on enrollment.

A new feature is two doors in Resident Assistants' rooms, one opening into the suite and one into the hallway. Armstrong said this allows the RA to be part of a suite, but also allows access without having to go into the suite.

Changes are still taking place in the new dorm. Currently, the showers are located at the end of

the bathroom where they can be seen from the door. Armstrong said another curtain will be installed to block the showers from view.

According to John Laube, special projects/maintenance, the loading area for students will be on the east side of the building.

A drive will come up to the two sets of double doors on the back, and there will be a loading zone located there. Laube was also able to show interested students blueprints of the other floors of the building.

## Generosity continued from page one

Dr. Janice Yee, associate professor of economics, and I are here with college students and faculty for a May Term class called Women and Economic Development.

It is an experiential class aimed at looking at the situation of women in developing countries.

We've seen how long-lasting internal conflicts nearly destroyed indigenous families in Guatemala and desensitized people to violence in El Salvador.

"The younger generation is sadly resigned (to their circumstances) because they haven't seen anything else," Yee said. "That's probably the most disturbing thing, because you rely on the youth of the population to get the country going into the future."

War has affected this generation in El Salvador and Guatemala. El Salvador's war raged for 12 years, leaving

100,000 dead and 1.5 million people homeless, according to anthropologists.

In one area of San Salvador, 50 families lived in what are best described as shacks, built of tin sheets and discarded cardboard boxes. But, according to one community leader, the residents have pooled resources, built a school and hired two teachers.

Guatemala's war has continued for 34 years. The United Nations is now fostering the beginnings of peace.

Survival, rather than peace, fills the minds of the indigenous women. Here, they think about where they will get their next meal and how they will feed their children. Many of their husbands were massacred in the early 1980s.

Until these wrongs are righted and the great inequities are equalled, they say the peace will not stick.

People here hope the generous nature of the people won't die in the meantime.

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# College names outstanding seniors for Class of 1995

Heidi Schafer, Christopher Warmanen and Drew Hausmann have been named Outstanding Seniors for the 1994-95 academic year.

Hausmann, a chemistry major, took the title in the physical sciences.

He will attend graduate school at Pennsylvania State at Hershey, PA.

Throughout his academic career at Wartburg, Hausmann remained active as president of the American Chemical Society, was vice president of Habitat for Humanity, chaired the 1994 Homecoming committee, worked on the student newspaper and yearbook, and was involved in drama, student government, International Club and other activities.

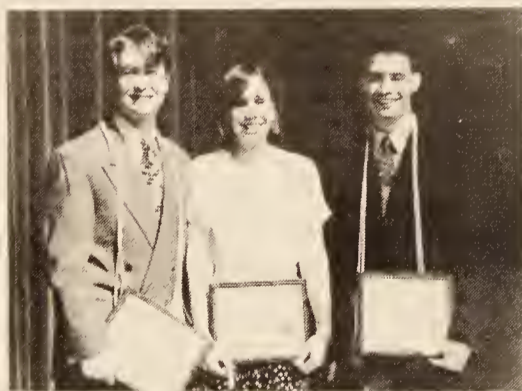
Schafer, a Spanish and political science major, spent part of her Wartburg career studying in Africa, Chile, and Cuernavaca, Mexico.

She served as an international student liaison for the past two years with the International Programs Office, was president of the International Club and Spanish Club and volunteered for Cedar Valley Friends of the Family.

Her other activities include handicapped bowling, campus ministry, student government and theatre.

Warmanen will complete his education as a communication arts and business administration double major.

He edited the student newspaper as a junior, worked as a copy editor in the College Relations



**HEAD OF THE CLASS**—Seniors Christopher Warmanen, Heidi Schaefer and Drew Hausmann were honored at an award's convocation earlier in the year. They are the 1995 Outstanding Seniors.

Photo by Paul Yeager

Office and worked as student representative for the computer center.

He also participated in the Wartburg College Concert Band, Wartburg Community Symphony, drama productions, student government and served as publicity chair for the senior class gift project to the college.

Twenty-eight other students were recognized as outstanding seniors in their academic fields.

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## Vandals sentenced to week in jail

by Rob Bryson

Three Wartburg students pleaded guilty to charges of first-degree criminal mischief at an arraignment held two weeks ago in district court, according to County Attorney Timothy Baldwin.

The charges were in connection to vandalism that occurred in "B" lot on March 3.

Mark Schnakenberg, '97, and Michael Simbro, '97, will each be required to spend seven days in the Bremer County Jail and pay one-fourth of the restitution

costs for the damaged vehicles.

Christopher Reade, '97, also pleaded guilty, but asked to be sentenced at a later date.

Steven Johnson, '97, a choir member who is accompanying the group to Europe, had his arraignment postponed until a later date.

The amount of restitution won't be determined until all students who had vehicles damaged have responded to repair estimates and have had their claims checked.



**WOMEN AT WORK**—Sharon Ehler and Bev Hartman, secretaries in Luther Hall, help the construction workers by destroying their former office.

Photo by Rob Bryson

## Wartburg media earn 14 national awards

*Digmann, Heaney, Hanson take first-place honors*

by Paul Yeager

The Communication Arts department of Wartburg College came away with 14 national awards at the National Media Contest.

"Practicing journalists judged these students' entries so these awards are the same as a pat on the back from professionals," said Shelly Green, visiting assistant professor of Communication Arts.

The contest is sponsored by the Society for Collegiate Journalists, the nation's oldest honor society for mass communication majors.

The competition field was compiled of more than 130 other colleges and universities around the nation, with no classifications for size of schools.

The *Trumpet*, the campus newspaper, Wartburg Television, the campus television station, and the *Fortress*, the campus yearbook, all brought home honors.

### Wartburg Television

A Wartburg Television documentary lead produced by Jen Heaney, '95, titled, "Bridging Space, Time and Spirit," took first place in the television feature category.

The Wartburg campus newscast, "Knightwatch," received first- and second-place awards for two news segments.

The first-place news segment was a package produced by Eric Hanson, '96, titled "The Healing Power of Music."

The second-place news segment was produced by Heaney on campus diversity.

"The Bob Nielson Show," a show about Wartburg football, produced by Aaron Johnson, '94, and D.J. Dubois, '95, took third place in the television sports category.

### Publications

The *Trumpet*, under editor Christopher Warmanen, '95, earned second place and an honorable mention for its front-page layout and second place for its editorial pages.

Warmanen spent the bulk of the summer before he took over as editor preparing and designing for the upcoming *Trumpet* issues.

"This makes all of the time I spent worth it. I wanted to make the paper as readable and attractive to the student body as possible," Warmanen said.

Warmanen added that his staff could judge the success of

an issue by seeing how many *Trumpets* were strewn about in the Student Union.

"The editorial pages awards proved that we are talking about important issues, not just fluff. A mixture of humor columns and news columns makes a good ratio of opinion," Warmanen said.

Dan Digmann, '95, the *Trumpet* sports editor for 1993-94, took home four awards.

Digmann tallied a first-place personal opinion column (non-sports), took second place for a graphic illustration and received honorable mention in both the sports news category and the sports pages category.

"I was surprised by the awards. We were going up against big schools such as Old Dominion and Virginia who run college dailies," Digmann said. "This says a lot about our students and our facilities."

*Fortress* co-editors Paul Everding, '94, and Larissa Schultz, '94, earned honorable mention for overall excellence, photography, concept of the book and display, including layout, design and graphics.

"I think it affirms the talent and hard work of our students," said Green.

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**Editor's opinion**

# Real World 101 not included in Wartburg Plan

There's a little line in the Wartburg loyalty song that reads "college of our brightest days."

With graduation impending and this line in mind, I wonder if seniors ever question if Wartburg has given them everything they will need to prepare for the future. Have they gained what they need?

If I were about to graduate, my answer would probably be no.

Wartburg gives us an education, opportunities to grow in faith, citizenship and a variety of talents. The almighty Wartburg Plan promises us a liberal arts education, endowing us with the intellect and capabilities to undertake a job in our chosen course of study.

*"I fear that someday I may end up flipping hamburgers to pay off loans..."*

Then, if I may be so bold to ask, why are there college graduates unable to find a job? I fear that someday I may end up flipping hamburgers to pay off loans I racked up for a piece of paper saying that I have skills no one needs me to use.

I don't think Wartburg can prepare anyone for that.

Nor can it prepare for learning about insurance, car repairs, rent, taxes and cooking. It doesn't encompass how to live in the city, how to buy a car or how to avoid getting ripped off.

I don't see a Real World 101 in my academic planner.

I empathize with graduating seniors panicking at the thought of entering into the unknown. The thought already gives me tremors as I sit 24 months from the dreaded day.

But there really isn't a way to be prepared for what lies ahead, and our \$15,500 don't include these kinds of things.

I hope that these uncertainties are what challenge, amuse, develop and take me through life once I finally shake Daddy Vogs' hand with my diploma at my side.

Graduation is the end and the beginning. I hope for this year's graduating seniors it is the beginning of better things.

So, even if Wartburg doesn't give skills to survive the Real World, I think the seniors will be okay and reflect on their college days as times when they were young and stupid.

Congratulations and Good Luck.

Suzanne Behnke, '97

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# Yield sign fulfills meaning

It was a dark and stormy November evening. A cold wind tore through the wet leaves that shone a pale silver in the moonlight. A soft yellow glowed from the windows, but an eerie emptiness echoed on the sidewalks.

How's that for a traditional opening to a tale of horror?

Although I wouldn't equate my four years at Wartburg with a horror novel, this scene strongly resembles my first introduction to the campus. That night I convinced myself that I could never be happy at such a small and wet school. But walking through the visitation tour the next day, I was overwhelmed and comforted by the number of smiles and hellos from almost everyone on campus. Even the suite we toured, full of guys hurting from the night before, didn't complain about the early morning intrusion.

Four incredible years have passed since that stormy night, and now I am graduating from the school I swore I'd never attend. A lot of things have happened in four years that I never expected, including writing this column. But writing every week has definitely been one of my best experiences, and so I'd like to thank my readers.

Contrary to this year's habit, I had my very first column last May written a week ahead of time. But in my pride from finishing something early, I had forgotten to create a name for the column until the editor called on the Sunday the issue was put together.

Consequently, the title "Road Signs" was chosen in a moment of small panic rather than a moment of divine inspiration.

Why the yield sign? Besides not wanting to see my picture in the paper every week, the yield sign was the best



## Road Signs

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Sara Aden

example of a road sign I could think of that reflects how I have learned to live.

I have been lucky with the awesome opportunities that have been part of my life thus far. Experiences like drum corps, summer camp and Europe trips have allowed me to form short, but intense relationships with people I would probably never see again. These goodbyes seemed especially difficult, because so much was shared in so little a time.

Leaving here after four years will push these familiar feelings of goodbye to the limit. Faces and routines that have become so natural will suddenly disappear, along with certain people who have added to my life in uncountable and invaluable ways.

But this where the yield sign fulfills its meaning. These experiences, however hard to leave, add to who we are. They represent places in our lives where we have slowed down a little to look around and to live intentionally. Stopping completely at these times would cheat their possibilities of worth because we haven't given ourselves the opportunity to take the memories with us.


Like Ferris Bueller, I think the Beatles captured this little philosophy of life best when they sang "In My Life:"

*There are places I remember all my life, though some have changed. Some for better not for ever some have gone and some remain. All these places have their moments with lovers and friends, I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living in my life I loved them all.*


Congratulations seniors.  
Shalom Wartburg.

## What do you plan to do during the summer?


# About Face




**Kim Jass, '97**  
"I'll be painting and cleaning toilets. It'll be a blast."



**Julian Eubanks, '98**  
"I'm going work construction in Waterloo and make a lot of money."



**Sarah Taylor, '97**  
"I'll be working for Dr. Roy 'Ace' Ventullo in the Biology department."



**Jeff Albright, '96**  
"I'll do plant and biochemical research in Des Moines for Pioneer Hybrid Seed."

## Student Senate aims to erase cheating

The May Term Student Senate is considering to propose an honor code policy for academics. Academic honor codes are aimed at reducing cheating and plagiarism in the classroom. Essentially, students promise that they did not participate in any academically unethical activities and agree to report any witnessed acts of cheating.

A policy of this type would foster a strong academic environment. The integrity of a Wartburg degree would be protected by showing employers that Wartburg graduates know their stuff.

It is also meant to transfer responsibility from the professors to the students. Although an honor code has many attributes, there is a fear that students would be reluctant to fulfill their obligations as a result of peer pressure.

Because the honor code deals with students, the policy must be proposed by students and passed by Student Senate. Now, senators are in the process of collecting information about honor codes and researching honor code policies from other colleges. Student Senate is very interested in hearing opinions of the student body on this matter. Please drum up conversation among friends and bring your ideas to the attention of your senators.

Sherri Veasman, '97  
Senate Representative

Tim Dettmer, '96  
Academic Ombudsperson

## Residence suites aid campus, community

Thanks to the students in The Residence for making a difference. Your desire to help others and become more involved on campus or in the community has benefited many.

You have served meals to the homeless, mentored students in our elementary schools, made friends with residents in Bartels and the Bremer County Care Facility, become buddies with AIDS patients, answered hotlines, educated Wartburg students concerning women's issues, worked with park and recreation programs and helped with recycling.

Many of you have made a difference —often a lasting one— in someone's life. You can take pride in playing a part —large or small— in the lives of others.

You have developed a special link and have helped to strengthen the ties between the college and the surrounding community. You are appreciated by many for the countless hours you contributed this year.

A special thanks goes to the "Heavenly Nuns" from Suite 121 North who unselfishly donated the \$50 they won from the photo contest to their project, the Catholic Worker House.

Thanks once again to all The Residence suites.

Char Tjaden  
Resident Hall Director

# Live kills in Davenport

by Rob Bryson

"They should use some of that gambling money from Prairie Meadows to get some air-conditioning for this motherfucker," Ed Kowalczyk said as Live took the stage at Palmer Auditorium in Davenport.

The temperature inside the auditorium was about a 120 degrees. The air was heavy with smoke, heat and the smell of sweat.

Despite this, Live put on a performance of raw, powerful music. From the first feedback-driven notes of "The Dam at Otter Creek" the set was strong and energetic. It carried you on a wave that never crashed.

Kowalczyk jumped around in manic frenzy as the over-capacity crowd heaved up against the stage.

Our tickets warned, "no bodysurfing allowed." The audience took this as a challenge. Bodies surfed the crowd through the whole concert. Security was kept busy pulling people from the front rows.

Live performed most of the songs off their second album, *Throwing Copper*, as well as three unreleased songs and three songs from their first album, *Mental Jewelry*.

The crowd sang along to every word of "I Alone." As the song moved into the chorus, Kowalczyk's voice changed from plaintive whisper to angry wail.

It's the sort of raspy scream that gives you a sore throat if you try it even for a second.

The other members of the band (including guitarist Chad Taylor, bassist Patrick Dahlheimer, and drummer Chad Gracey) stayed in the background, laying a backdrop of muscular riffs and throbby rhythms.

"This song is about Davenport," Kowalczyk said as the band launched into "Shit Towne."

"Pillar of Davidson" was somehow fearful and uplifting at the same time.

"Waitress," a putdown of disrespectful patrons, was dedicated to "waitresses and waiters everywhere."

In between the songs Kowalczyk griped about the oppressive heat.

As the concert progressed, the heat grew more stifling and intense, and the roof of the the auditorium became almost hidden under a layer of smoke.

Shirts came off, including Kowalczyk's. The room seemed to take on a life of its own. The audience filled it from the stage to the back doors, a solid mass of bodies drenched in sweat, ebbing and flowing to the rhythm of the music.

As the band left the stage and the lights dimmed, the lighters came out, and the crowd roared for an encore.

The band came back sporting suits and began playing the slow, snaking introduction to "T.B.D." Kowalczyk suddenly appeared in the balcony wearing a fedora and bathed in purple light. The balcony section surged over to him, crowding him into a corner of the auditorium.

He made his way down the stairs and back to the stage to finish the concert with "Lightning Crashes."

It was nothing short of spiritual. Kowalczyk moved to the lip of the stage and intoned the first agonized lines: "lightning crashes, a new mother cries" and everyone sang with him. As his voice rose, the crowd went with it.

As the song picked up speed and moved into its last chorus, the audience was in enthralled communion.

When the last chord fell, the crowd thundered its applause. The auditorium lights came on, and Kowalczyk whispered a tired "goodnight" to the crowd.

## Scheduling causes student's angst

I have been a Wartburg student now for nearly four years, and I understand why some things like Outfly, Christmas with Wartburg, Luther games, and Homecomings seldom change because of tradition.

I even understand that some things will never change, such as people disliking Foundations of Science (more commonly known by its affectionate term, Nasty) and the hassle of paying your bill in the Controller's Office. But as I approach the last week of my final May Term at Wartburg, there is one thing I don't understand: the scheduling of Finals Week and May Term.

As anyone who has taken a psychology course can tell you, the environment where you study and take a test does affect your performance. During Fall Term and Winter Term of this year, there were six class periods that had opposite finals times scheduled, such as having a morning class final in the afternoon.

During Winter Term, I took a speech communications class at noon. The other students and I grew accustomed to participating in class at midday. We were all "thrown off course" when our final period was scheduled for 8 a.m. I personally did well on the exam, but felt uncomfortable because I was not used to being in speech class at 8 a.m.

I didn't really think too much of this until I talked to other students and professors. My roommate had the same complaint that I did: "It's hard to take a test at a different time than you're used to being in that class." Other students and professors agreed.

After speaking with Nancy Bingham, data management coordinator, I learned that the current system simply rotates different class periods through different finals times. It is done methodically, simply moving the bottom class to the top and rotating them down one finals time.

I suggest rotating only morning classes during morning finals periods and afternoon classes only during afternoon finals times. I think it would be fairly easy to change this scheduling practice, and it would improve the performance of some student and the disposition of some professors.

May Term is another scheduling problem.

Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, said the philosophy of May Term is to provide scheduling flexibility. This allows professors to schedule class trips or experiment with different learning techniques. But he said few have changed their scheduled class times and many faculty and students resist scheduling afternoon classes.

The current scheduling philosophy is "Let's see how many classes we can schedule from 9 a.m. to noon, so students have to try to share bathrooms and cafeteria space with every other student on campus."

The professors I talked to said they didn't know why nearly all of May Term classes started at 9 a.m. Perhaps tradition is the only reason, but I think some traditions need to change.

According to a class schedule book for the current May Term, the majority of classes are scheduled for 9 a.m. Excluding physical education activity courses and arranged study courses, there are more than 40 classes that begin at 9 a.m. Four classes meet in the afternoons and seven classes meet twice, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Two courses break this trend. One meets from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the other meets from 10 a.m. to noon.

The current scheduling means that a majority of Wartburg students want to be in bathrooms in the morning and eat breakfast shortly before 9 a.m. and eat lunch after class.

One response to this could be, of course, that I and a majority of students could change our daily habits, but there has to be an easier way. I think class times need to be more dispersed.

I am not in favor of more afternoon classes because I think students and faculty want their afternoons to enjoy May Term (if the weather would ever get nice!).

My suggestion is to schedule classes on 30-minute intervals. For example, some could begin at 8:30 a.m., some at 9 a.m. and some at 9:30 a.m.

I'm not sure if I will ever understand the reasoning behind some traditions at Wartburg, including scheduling. But I'm sure students will survive.

However, if you believe that Finals Week and May Term scheduling should change, I urge you to talk to your professors, your student senator or Tim Dettmer, academic ombudsperson.

Nicole Johannngmeier, '95

# Castle sports new look

by Holly Kilborn

It's not often that one finds Robin and Batman, dead cows and reflections on childhood within the same pages.

But the 1995 *Castle* has masterfully brought these and other "literary worlds" together.

The 63-page literary magazine features poems, stories and artwork by Wartburg students.

*Castle* Editor Kathleen Herzog, '95, said, "I think the fact that we had an overwhelming amount of submissions, more than any other year, really contributed to the quality of this year's *Castle*."

The record number of entries can be attributed to an aggressive promotional campaign, begun last May by Herzog. Her campaign included personal invitations, awards and an extremely successful coffeehouse that she said she hopes will begin a coffeehouse tradition.

"It was great to see how many

people had something to express. The untapped potential on campus can finally be heard," she said.

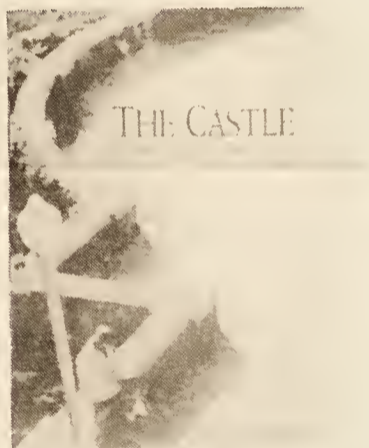
Along with her fresh promotional ideas, Herzog created a new layout look. She incorporated what she calls a "more polished design," implementing her layout knowledge and skills.

"It gave me chance to play with my favorite typefaces and make it look the way I wanted it to look. I wanted it to look more professional and polished," Herzog explained. "I'm very much inspired by the 1989 *Castle*, which was quite revolutionary with its layout."

Herzog's revolutionary plans have been embodied in the *Castle*, which is now available at various on-campus sites, including the cafeteria and Luther Hall.

She said she hopes that others share her excitement and pleasure in reading the magazine.

"This is the *Castle* I want students



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to remember for years to come," she said.

Students, faculty and staff will be able to hear the works read aloud at a coffeehouse tomorrow night at 9 in the Lair.

# Becker discusses cheese of looming graduation

I know, I know, all seniors in the history of school have taken a moment to reflect on their time, and what it has done for them.

But often times it's just, well, cheesy. And we're not talking a small chunk of cheddar, but more like all the yellow fungus in Wisconsin.

I wish I could stay here with my friends, sure. But I just see a lot of people treating the whole "end of an era" thing just like high school. That kind of bothers me.

I am a person who believes in caring for other people, for their beliefs, their pain, their love. And we all feel ties with Wartburg and some people here. We have to accept the change and not complain about it. Of course, it's going to hurt. Of course, we're scared of the future. Of course, we'll never see half of the people in our class again and it's perfectly okay to think, "Well, gee, that's too bad."

We are all adults here. I'd like to think we've matured



since high school. I personally hated high school and didn't see how or why people were sad to leave, but I have since gained an understanding of why and how.

Dr. Robert E. Lee, director of concert band, has said that some of the people we meet in college will be our closest friends for life. That is true.

And really, in essence, we will never leave these people. If we truly feel a desire to see or spend time with our close friends here, we can do so after graduation.

For me, this separation is sad, but it's also exciting. To make a difference. To use my skills for others' benefit. Why be wishy-washy about it? Didn't I come to college to graduate? I made the choice of where to attend and what I wanted to do.

I shouldn't regret it now. And I should look back at the 'Burg with fond memories. It has been a good experience and I thank those who made that possible—and I will see those people again. I will make the effort.

# LOVE BYTES

by Amy Gehlsen

"Beware. I can see every move you make. . . Hypothetically speaking, what would you say if I asked you to marry me? . . . My girlfriend thinks she might be pregnant. . . I know you! Aren't you the girl who's getting married soon? . . . Wanna buy a duck? . . . I told myself last night that if you wouldn't go out with me, I was going to kill myself. And I meant it."

This is just a sample of the weird, shocking and scary things that people have said to me since I got my account on the Iowa Student Computer Association Bulletin Board System (ISCA, pronounced "iska"). Having an account on a bulletin board system (bbs), and knowing that people all over the United States and foreign countries such as Mexico, Italy and the Netherlands are sitting in front of their computers communicating with you, is exciting. It can involve becoming a counselor for someone who needs to talk, making friends, flirting, taking a break from reality or falling in love.

ISCA originates from the University of Iowa in Iowa City and was started almost five years ago by Dr. David Lacey, M.D. It has nearly 200 forums which its 300,000 users can read and add to. There are forums on everything imaginable, from mythology to O.J. Simpson to running your own bbs.

Hi. My name is Amy. I'm an ISCA addict.

## The beginning

It all began sometime around the end of February last year. I

had been on e-mail for a few weeks when my friend, Sarah, talked me into setting up an ISCA account. She made it all sound so exciting and simple, so I decided to give it a try.

As I typed in the command for ISCA, I remember thinking, "Wow. This will be cool. I'm going to be able to meet many new people from all over the world." I had no idea that I would also end up meeting some of these people in person.

When the command went through, and I was finally connected to ISCA, there were directions on the screen telling me how to set up an account. I followed the directions and chose a nickname or "handle" that I would be known by when using ISCA. I chose the name "Target" because it was a nickname given to me by my friend, Suzanne, who noticed that many people call me "Aim." Suzanne thought that "Target" would be cute because people aim at a target.

I typed in my handle, came up with a password and created a five-line profile, which other users could read to find out about me.

My account was validated within a couple of days, and I began deciding who I would send my first eXpress (or "X") message to. (An eXpress message is five lines long, and can be sent to people who are online at the time.) I pressed 'w,' which gave me a list of all the nicknames of the people who were on, and what school they were from. I chose the name "Oxxy Moron" from the University of Northern Iowa, and sent him a simple message that said something

like, "Hi. How are you?" He replied that he was fine, and the conversation just sort of progressed from there. We hit it off right away and talked for six hours the first night. We found out that we had many things in common and became great friends. Bill (his real name) and I talked nearly every day. We talked about the possibility of meeting in person since we were only 13 miles apart, but it didn't happen. At least not at that point.

I was on ISCA one day during May and decided to "X" someone named "The Locker Gnome." I was surprised to find out that he (Chris) already knew who I was. He told me that he was a friend of Bill's and that he had heard a lot about me. I was feeling especially wild and crazy, so I agreed to meet him on the following day. I would have met Bill, too, but he was at home in Des Moines for the weekend.

## Personal touch

So I borrowed a car, and drove to UNI to meet Chris. The experience was interesting, to say the least. He was more than a little weird, and had warped ideas about relationships and life in general. But I liked him just the same. That is, until I found out that he was hitting on me while he had a girlfriend. There was some major yelling (all over the computer, of course), but we decided in the end that we could put the whole ordeal behind us and still be friends.

Bill and I lost touch during the summer, but once school was in session, we were back on ISCA sharing our deepest, darkest secrets with each other. We finally decided to meet about the middle of September, and things went even better than expected. We dated for a short time but ended up going back to being just friends.

Not everyone I met was someone I had a romantic interest in.

When I first started talking to "Screwball" (Jason), I was amazed at his intelligence and insights. He is 26, so he became sort of a father figure to me. I talked to him whenever I had a problem about anything. He always offered views about my problems that I had never even considered. I met him last November during a trip to the Mall of America.

## The rationale

ISCA users cite many different reasons for using the system.

"I use it to talk to people, meet new people and keep up with new things happening with 'Magic the Gathering,'" (a strategy card game) said "Sex God" (Brandon).



"Velocity Boy" (Jon) said, "It's a great slack/pr0crastination tool."

"Card Player," who refused to reveal his real name, said, "I like to gain insight from others because the pool of people I am associated with at college is strictly small-town, inexperienced Iowa folks."

I don't think anyone could understand better than I do what a different world ISCA really is. Many people use it as an escape from reality; a chance to become "someone else." On ISCA, people don't have to worry about being laughed at or judged. Users aren't like that. We are open-minded for the most part and accept others for who they are. And if something is said that offends us, we have the option of logging out at any time.

Most people have interesting stories of bizarre things that have happened to them while on ISCA.

Jon said, "Some psycho nutcase was stalking me on here for a while. She wanted to come and visit me for some kind of lime jello/bald midget/chimpanzee escapade—really scary stuff! So I changed my name. Luckily, she hasn't found me yet."

## My life is a soap opera

My friends say that my life has become like a soap opera since I've been on ISCA. Obviously, they don't understand. Soap operas are fiction. ISCA is real life. It involves real people, with real thoughts and feelings.

I should know. In November, I fell in love with "Fizz" (Jeff), who has since changed his name to "Mytho X." We met in the "Babble" forum, where users can talk back and forth about whatever topic they want. Jeff seemed pretty upset about something, so I comforted him, and we ended up sending each other "X" messages back and forth for a long time. We talked for hours every day during the end of Fall Term. I'm not sure exactly when we first said, "I love you" to each other, but it was

before we had received pictures of each other. Everyone I know says that I was stupid for saying it so soon, but I know what I felt. I knew who he was on the inside

and that's the part of him that I love the most. Isn't that all that should matter anyway?

Jeff and I exchanged pictures in December and met face to face for the first time during Winter Term Break when I took the bus from Waverly to Rolla, MO. I stayed with him for four days, and things went wonderfully. He came up here to see me last month, but we're not sure when we'll be able to see each other again. Being in a long-distance relationship is pretty rough, but I know that it will be worth it in the end.

## ISCA convention

Besides finding ways to meet on their own, ISCA users can also meet at planned events held throughout the year in various locations.

A huge picnic for ISCA users, titled ISCANic, was held April 21 - 23 in Iowa City. This is a biannual event, and includes such activities as the "Bloodbowl" and a "No Shame" contest. ISCANic is a chance for users to get together and meet one another. I have never been to ISCANic but have been told that every ISCA user should attend at least once.

Of course, falling in love is the most rewarding experience that ISCA has given me, but that is not the extent of it. I have also made many close friends, found a way to escape from the pressures of everyday college life and gained valuable experience on relationships. And I don't regret a single minute of it. Well, except for the fact that I will always be known by the same title as a discount store.

"Hey Target, what are your blue light specials today?"

"Wrong store, buddy. Try Xing K-Mart."

## How to get an ISCA Account

- 1) Go to TELNET.
- 2) Type in WHIP.ISCA.UIOWA.EDU.
- 3) Log in (pick a fun name).
- 4) To get out of lobby, type S (it means stop).
- 5) Type W to get a list of people online and where they are from.
- 6) To talk to someone, type X... then their handle.
- 7) To profile someone, type P... then their handle.
- 8) To make a profile for yourself, type C, then choose information.

# Baseball team ends year with stronger players

by Carrie Lawton

The Wartburg baseball team ended its season with a 12-21 record, looking to the next season with stronger players after gaining experience this season.

"The season was disappointing record-wise, but it was a learning experience," said Moore.

Moore said that next year the team would be strong because the younger players got a lot of playing time.

"We have a great nucleus of young players," said Moore.

This was Moore's last season as Knight head coach.

"I am happy that I got a chance to work with such nice young men," said Moore. He said the relationships he made with the younger players were important.

A replacement for the head coach position has not yet been named. In a make-up game May 7, the Knights split with Cornell, 6-7 and 9-4.

Coach Randy Moore said that Cornell was a team they should have beaten twice.

"We didn't play with very good intensity the first game, but came back the second game," said Moore.

At the conference tournament May 5-6, the Knights battled the Simpson Storm in their first

game losing 5-2.

In their second game Wartburg had their "biggest win" by defeating Upper Iowa 9-2, according to Moore.

"It was an encouraging game to beat a nationally-rated team," said Moore. The Knights have beaten the Peacocks two out of three times the teams have met this season.

Moore credited freshman pitcher Derek Hartl with pitching a great game. He said that Hartl had good back-up from the team, on the field and at the plate.

A big offensive help came from senior Jody Kies who smacked a home run for the Knights.

In their third and final game, the Knights met Simpson for the second time in two days. Once again, they couldn't hold their own, losing 8-0.

Moore said he was disappointed that they couldn't beat the Storm, but the effort was there.

May 2 the Knights battled Grinnell splitting with them 10-2 and 9-12.

The Knights featured freshman pitchers in both games. According to Moore, Ben Marske threw very well in the first of the two games.

Moore said that the second game had poor officiating with a tight strike zone. He also said that the team didn't capitalize on some opportunities.

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**GOLF**—At the Dubuque Invitational on May 2, the Wartburg men's golf team placed fifth. On May 5-6, the team finished the second round of the IAC Meet, and ended their season with a sixth-place finish. Coach Stu Thorson said that if the team would have had a few breaks, they could have finished higher. For the season, Thorson said that the team could have done better, and that they needed to get the mental aspect of the game together. He looks toward next year's team to be a little smarter and more mature.

**TENNIS**—The Wartburg men's tennis team finished their season by grabbing third place at the Conference Meet in Waterloo May 5-6. Luther placed first and Central took second. Coach Chuck Tragord said the team played very well against Central, considering Steve Dolezal and Brandon Adams were not healthy. Tragord said that if those two had been healthy, the team could have placed as high as second. The team's conference record

was 5-2, having lost only to Luther and Central. He said everyone played up to their ability. All but one player returns next year, and the team looks to be strong.

**CO-MOST VALUABLE PERFORMERS**—The Wartburg men's and women's teams both boast a member picked co-most valuable performer in track and field. Chris Shannon was the men's, and shares the title with a Luther runner. Robyn Olson took the title for the women's.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**—Wartburg Track and Field Coach Steve Johnson was named Coach of the Year at the Iowa Conference Championships May 5-6.

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**—Dan Sanderman of Wartburg's tennis team was named the team's most valuable player.

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great success on the road this season, the award goes to the team that hit the road for every game: the women's softball team.

Although they occasionally play in Waverly, the team has yet to find their field of dreams on the Campus of Wartburg. With the successful program that Coach Robin Hoppenworth is running, it is a shame that they don't have their own field. It is something that needs to be dealt with in the immediate future.

The Newcomer of the Year Award. To transfer here and become an All-American was all just a part of the Wartburg Plan for sophomore Tom Smith.

Known by some of his counterparts as "The Machine," Smith's work-ethic is usually unmatched by that of any other. The 126-pound wrestler corralled an Iowa Conference title and went on to finish second in the nation in his weight class.

The Bionic Woman Award.

Forrest Gump ran for a long time, but I don't think he could beat senior Robyn Olson. To say she has done well in her career at Wartburg is a slight understatement. In fact, it's just plain crazy.

Olson has competed for the

*"Forrest Gump ran for a long time, but I don't think he could beat senior Robyn Olson."*

cross country team and the track team since her freshman year. Eight seasons of running, eight All-American honors. She has won the cross country conference title in each of her four years, and has been named MVP each year. Olson is still running. She is currently preparing for the NCAA Division III National

Championships, where she will compete in the 3,000, 5,000, and 10,000-meter races.

The Clutch Performance of the Year Award. You want dramatics? How about the game-winning field goal in possibly the best Division III football game in history? There was no bigger play in any sport this year at Wartburg than when the 32-yard boot by sophomore Eric George sailed through the uprights.

George's heroics enabled the football team to avenge the earlier one-point loss to Central, and more importantly, advanced Wartburg to the second round of the national playoffs.

There were many more athletes who deserved praise than the ones I could fit in this column. I would personally like to thank all of the seniors, who will be leaving, for their fine performances in the heat of battle. For those athletes who will be returning, hit the weights this summer, and we'll see you next year.

# Softball update

The Knights softball team dominated Cornell May 1, 6-0, in the first game, and powered by them in the second game, 8-0.

On May 5, the Knights continued their winning streak, sliding by Loras 2-1 in the first game, and 6-2 in the second game.

"We had a pretty good season," said first basemen Kelly Meyer. "It was disappointing at times, but ending the season on a winning streak made me happy and the team happy."

Coach Hoppenworth was out of town and not available for comment.

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# Wartburg Sports



## Track and field takes all

by Carrie Lawton

Wartburg's track teams had outstanding performances at the last two meets, qualifying 12 events for nationals.

Last weekend, the men's and women's teams took second and first places, respectively.

The finish by the men's team broke the college record for most points scored at a meet. The Knights had 131 points.

On the women's side, Robyn Olson broke both the conference meet record and the college record in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 37:36. Olson also broke the conference meet record in the 5000-meter run with a time of 17:46.

Denise McMillin broke the Wartburg record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.5.

"It was nothing short of a fantastic team performance for both teams," said Coach Steve Johnson.

### MEN'S RESULTS

At the North Central Twilight meet Friday, the men ran away with one first-place finish.

Josh Watters ran his lifetime best in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:53.9, and just missed qualifying for nationals.

The 400-meter relay ran extremely well, with a third-place finish. They automatically qualified for nationals with a time of 3:15.7.

This time also broke the college record, and according to Johnson, it is one of the top five times in the nation.

Members of the relay were Chad Williams, Steve Boblenz, Chris Shannon and Josh Watters.

At the Iowa Conference Championships May 5-6, the men sprinted away with five individual titles. This is the most individual titles for the Wartburg men's team in the last six years, placing them second.

Johnson said that the underclassmen carried the men at conference.

Jim Thompson threw his way to a first-place finish, and qualified for nationals in the shot put with a throw of 51-4. He is now a two-time defending champion in the event.

Chris Shannon qualified for nationals with a first-place finish in the 110-meter high hurdles running a time of 14.9. He also broke the college record in the triple jump, leaping to a first-place finish with a jump of 45' 9".

"Chris had an incredible meet," said Johnson. Shannon also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.6.

Josh Watters took first-place in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:54.6.

Johnson called the race one of the most exciting races of the meet.

Clint Crawford ran to a first-place finish in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:38.

### WOMEN'S RESULTS

The women ran away with three first-place finishes at the North Central Twilight meet.



**UP, UP AND OVER**—Annette Edgren flies over the bar in the high jump at the Wartburg Invitational earlier in the season. The men's and women's track and field teams boasted successful seasons, qualifying 12 events for the national meet. The men took first in the conference and the women grabbed second. Chris Shannon earned MVP honors at the Iowa Conference Championships.

Photo by Joel Becker

Esther Dubec placed first in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:40.0. In the same race, Beth Holst ran her lifetime best with a time of 4:40.5. Both women qualified for nationals.

The 400-meter relay also finished first-place with a time of 4:00.4.

Johnson said the time run by Beth Holst, Nikki Kimball, Esther Dubec and Denise McMillin was the fastest he had seen since becoming track and field coach six years ago.

Denise McMillin tied her college record in the 400-meter

dash with a time of :58.5, and placed first.

At the Iowa Conference Championships, the women took the conference title with 174.5 points.

Johnson said that the women weren't a favorite going into the meet, and credited the seniors with carrying the team.

Robyn Olson took three first-place finishes in the 10,000-meter run, the 5000-meter run and the 3000-meter run with times of 37:36, 17:46 and 10:28 respectively.

Johnson said that it was

Olson's most impressive performance of her career. Olson has won 10 events at the conference championships in her four years.

"The conference meet tells it all," said Johnson referring to the season. "The teams were very good and very competitive."

Johnson said when he put the pressure on the runners, they all responded with outstanding performances. He said that the team members did a good job of supporting each other.

The NCAA Outdoor Championships will be May 24-27 in Northfield, MN.

## Harves reflects on year, hands out 'Wart' awards

As the end of the year draws near, so does the culmination of another fine showing by Wartburg College athletes. Over this past year, we've seen jubilation and dejection, triumphs and heart-breaking losses.

Through it all, I have been witness to some outstanding performances by many individuals. To show my gratitude to these fine athletes, I would like to award them with the first of the Wart Awards.

Although the Warts may not carry the prestige of an Oscar or an Espy, they are my way of giving thanks to those who have gone out of their way to display their raw talents to me, and the entire Wartburg community.

Without further ado, here are the 1994-95 winners.

**The Jack of All Trades Award.** At the recently completed Iowa Conference Track and Field Championships, there was no finer performance than that of sophomore Chris Shannon. Named Most Valuable Performer for the meet, Shannon did all he could to help the Knights to a second-place finish in the conference.

Shannon did it all, winning the 110-meter high



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Scott Harves

hurdles with a national qualifying time; winning the triple jump, while breaking his personal record and the school record; placing second in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles; anchoring the 100-meter relay which finished fourth; and

running in the 400-meter relay. For some athletes, that would be a career. For Shannon, it was just another two-day meet.

**The Best Name Award.** Although this award may be seen as unimportant, there is nothing more fun than an athlete who's got an interesting name. Nancy "Noodle" Krapfl and Rob Wachholz were close runner-ups in this category, but I had to give the award to senior Keo Phoundavong.

Although you may cough up a lung while pronouncing his last name, the name "KEEEEEEEEEOOO," could be heard bellowing from the bleachers at soccer games this past fall. Phoundavong captained the team and was one of the key components in the success that the team had.

**The Road Warrior Award.** This is a team award. Although the men's basketball team had

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sports teams on a great year!**

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